(c) The revised tender notice as requested has been issued in the newspaper in November, 2002.

Revival scheme of NTC

2200. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest stage of the implementation of revival scheme of NTC(APKK&M) Ltd. as ordered by BIFR;

(b) how many workers have been given VRS compensation so far;

(c) whether VRS compensation is being paid simultaneously to workers of both revivable units and non-revivable units as directed by BIFR;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) which revivable mill is having largest number of excess workers who have to retire on VRS and when the payment of compensation will be made to those workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) As per Revival Scheme of NTC (APKKM) approved by BIFR, assets were unencumbered by paying the secured creditors, Modernisation plans were prepared for revival of 10 viable mills, 5 non-revivable mills have been closed under ID Act and surplus assets are being sold for generating resources for implementing the Scheme.

(b) VRS to 1488 employees has been given.

(c) and (d) No Sir, due to limitation in availability of funds, at present VRS is offered to the employees in non-functioning unviable mills proposed for closure as per the Scheme.

(e) In NTC (APKKM), Minerva Mills, Bangalore proposed for revival has 924 surplus employees who are to be given VRS within the two-year implementation period for the Scheme.

Setting up Apparel and Hosiery park at Kanpur in UP

2201. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has approved a proposal for setting up an Apparel and Hosiery Park at Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what facilities will be provided by the Central Government in setting up this Park;

(c) whether there is any other proposal under the consideration of the Government to set up such parks elsewhere in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Scheme, the Government of India assistance to the tune of 75% of the infrastructure development cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 10 crores is admissible. In addition, 100% assistance upto a maximum of Rs. 5 crores is available for setting up of an effluent treatment plant, creche/s, any multi purpose centre/hall for marketing/display etc and assistance to the tune of 50% subject to a maximum of Rs. 2 crores are available for the cost of any training facility created in the park.

(c) and (d) The Project Approval Committee reviews the setting up of new parks from time to time.

Diversion of Central Government Funds of Primary Weavers Cooperatives by AP

2202. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the funds released by Central Government under several weavers Welfare Schemes have been diverted to APCO (weavers Apex Society) by the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether utilization certificates of Central Government Funds, as released in these cases, reflected the diversion of these Funds meant for Primary Weavers Cooperatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (f) The Ministry of Textiles had not received any report about diversion of funds sanctioned to the State Government